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profile

Created in 1946 as Missouri's official library agency, the State Library is now a part of the Department of Higher Education, resulting from The State Omnibus Reorganization Act of 1974. The library's governing body is the Coordinating Board for Higher Education.

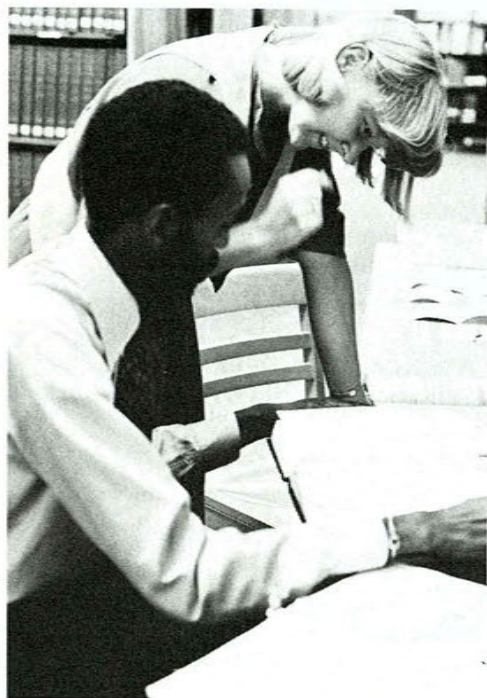
Through its resources and services, the State Library promotes the improvement of all libraries in Missouri and supports the information needs of state government.

The State Library . . .

- functions as the official library for state government.
- administers the state aid program for tax-supported public libraries.
- distributes federal Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) funds to public libraries for special projects or to meet specific needs.
- encourages the development of library networks in Missouri.
- offers special reading materials to blind and physically handicapped residents of Missouri.
- provides consultant services to library personnel.
- assists the General Assembly with legislative reference services.
- sponsors workshops and in-service training institutes for librarians and library trustees.
- coordinates the statewide interlibrary loan system.
- serves as the depository for all state government publications.

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answer people



Who directs the historic preservation office in St. Louis?
What is the population of Worth County?
Where can I find examples of model city traffic codes?
When is National Health Week?
How do speech impairments affect a child's learning?



An extensive collection of encyclopedias, dictionaries, indexes, periodicals and clippings enables the State Library's reference staff to answer questions on every subject imaginable. For information not in print, librarians use the telephone to talk with experts.

Reference librarians also use on-line data base indexes for bibliographic searching. The reference staff have undergone training in computer searching techniques and will continue to upgrade their skills in this area. Computer searches are conducted when necessary and are offered as part of a full range of reference services.

Data base services include: Lockheed Dialog, SDC Orbit, New York Times Info Bank, Bibliographic Retrieval Service, OCLC and St. Louis Newspaper Index.

The State Library provides back-up reference services to all Missouri libraries, to individuals without a local library, and serves as the official library for state government.

An average year brings 40,000 reference requests to the State Library.



legislative hot line

The State Library keeps daily records on the status of bills before the General Assembly. Each day during the legislative session, the State Library sends a teletype update of bill activity to six major libraries in Missouri, and 140 libraries across the state receive schedules of House and Senate committee hearings and lists of bills signed or vetoed by the Governor.

Call your local library when you have questions on any aspect of state legislation. If the librarian doesn't have the information at hand, he/she will use the special "Legislative Hot Line" to the State Library to find the information you need.

The hot line service is available to all Missourians through their local libraries.



government publications

Section 181.100-181.140 RSMo (Supp 1976) designates the State Library as the official depository for all state publications. Before the law's enactment, it was often difficult to obtain publications from many government agencies because there was no central distribution system.

To ensure availability of state-generated information, the State Library has named 35 Missouri libraries as state documents depositories. These libraries receive about 100 publications from a variety of state agencies each month.

Annual reports, rules and regulations, statistical analyses, newsletters and research papers represent just a fraction of state publishing activity. Provision of such material brings the workings of government closer to the people.

What about publications from the federal government?

As a Congressionally designated library for federal documents, the State Library houses a collection of 50,000 U.S. government publications. Each month the Government Printing Office in Washington, D.C. sends about 1,000 publications to the State Library. A separate collection of publications from other states is also maintained at the State Library.

Professional assistance is available from librarians with special expertise in working with government agencies.



the interlibrary connection

Did you know that your local library has access to more than six million books? In addition to its own resources, your library is linked through interlibrary loan with the State Library and six major libraries in Missouri.

Interlibrary loan is simply a borrowing system. When you need a book, a magazine article or a document that your local library does not own, your librarian can arrange for a loan of the material.

A request is first channeled through a library network to determine if the material is available in the region; unfilled requests are forwarded to the State Library. Those libraries that are not yet members of library networks send their requests directly to the State Library.



When a request arrives at the State Library, the staff check the library's collection, and if necessary the collections of the six resource libraries are checked to fill a request. The State Library can also borrow materials from libraries outside Missouri.

Thousands of requests from all types of libraries in Missouri are processed each month through the State Library.

missouri interlibrary loan system

Kansas City Public Library
Mid-Continent Public Library
St. Louis County Library
St. Louis Public Library
Springfield-Greene County Library
University of Missouri-Columbia Library



state data center

The State Library received funding in July 1979 for the establishment of a State Data Center to provide federal census information.



Since almost 90% of the 1980 census will be available only on computer tape, the State Library will contract with the University of Missouri to make the computerized information available. The Census Bureau will furnish the census tapes and copies of its publications free of charge.

The State Library will set up a secondary distribution network for census publications throughout the state. Questions which cannot be answered locally will be referred to the State Library.

The State Data Center hopes to expand its holdings beyond the 1980 census so that access to all census data, federal statistical information and state-produced documents is available to Missourians.



The coordinator of children's and young adults' services directs the CYA Book Examination Center at the State Library and serves in an advisory capacity to Missouri librarians who work with young people.

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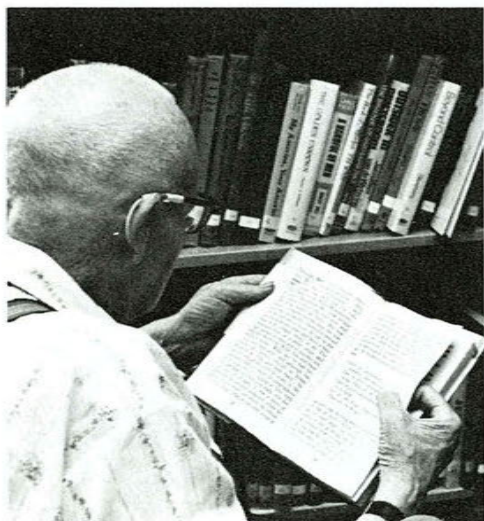
collection of publishers' samples (complimentary copies) representing more than 75 U.S. publishing houses. Sets of award-winning books or specific titles from the sample collection may be borrowed by libraries, youth organizations or educators in Missouri for exhibit or examination purposes.

children's and young adults' services

A regular reviewing service for these materials is provided by the Children's and Young Adults' Book Selection Committee (CYA/BSC) of Missouri. CYA/BSC is a group of librarians that meets three times a year to review new titles and to discuss programming for youth. After the meetings, an annotated list of the reviews is compiled and distributed through the State Library to those interested in book selection for children and young adults.

Other activities of the CYA coordinator include planning workshops and in-service training programs at the state and district levels, as well as providing assistance to researchers in the fields of CYA literature and librarianship.

special library services



Improvement of library services to residents of state correctional, medical and mental health institutions is the goal of the Special Library Services Division.

Only 23 of the 34 Missouri institutions have libraries; collections range in size from a few hundred "cast-offs" to 20,000 volumes.

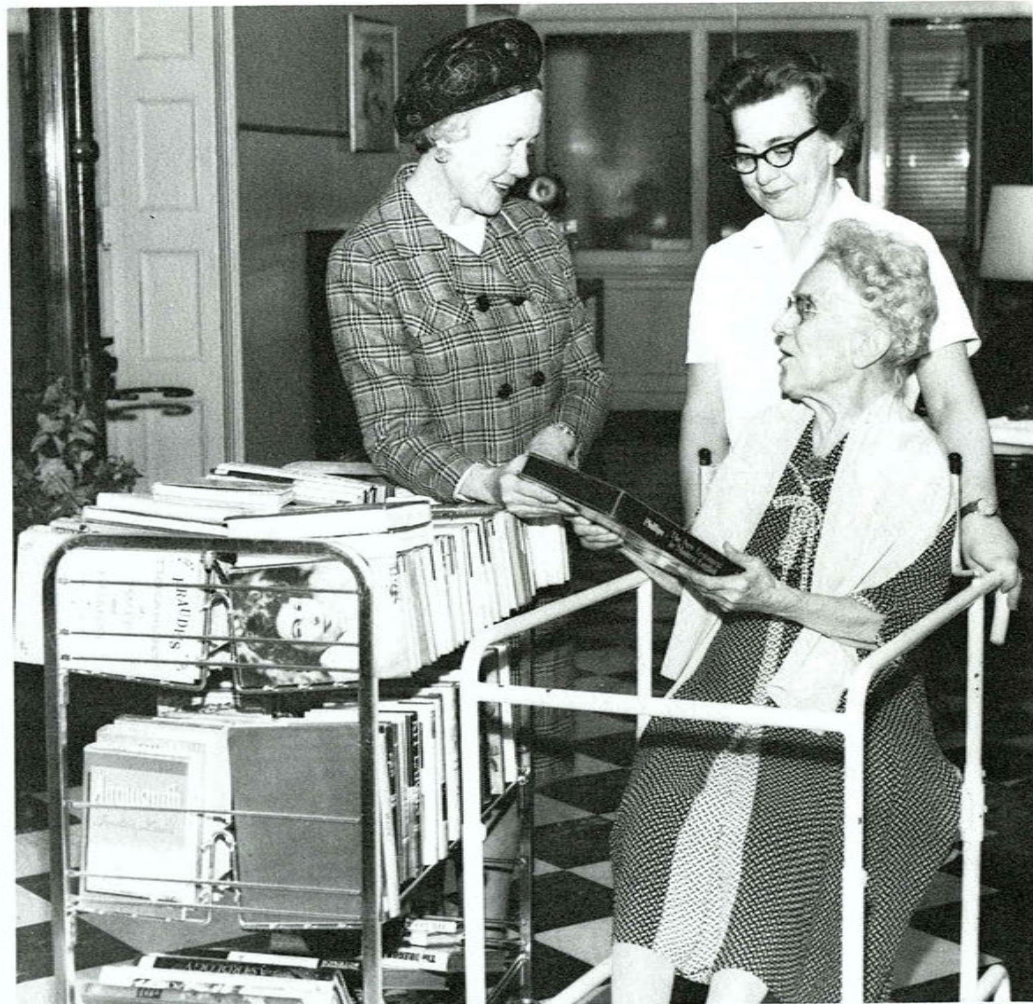
The federal Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) requires that institutional libraries be as close as possible to public libraries in collections, services and relations with other libraries. To this end, the Special Library Services staff review and



administer federal grants for institutional libraries and support efforts to establish new libraries or to upgrade existing facilities.

The Special Library Services Division provides technical assistance, informational materials, and sponsors workshops for persons operating institutional libraries.

Besides continuing education and consultant services, the division staff work with statewide organizations concerned with mental retardation, adult and juvenile corrections, community outreach and the handicapped. They also work closely with the Missouri Library Association's Outreach Round Table to encourage institutional librarians to become active in professional associations and to join library networks.



serving missouri librarians

A prime concern of the Library Resources Division is the provision of information on library administration and development.

The coordinator of library resources plans workshops and institutes for library personnel, conducts research for librarians, advises those interested in library science careers, and operates a placement service which helps job-seekers find professional employment in Missouri libraries. The coordinator also maintains collections of library literature and audio-visual materials on library science topics.

The Library Resources Division is working with the Missouri Department of Higher Education to establish Educational Information Centers in the state. This new program will make available current job and educational information through participating libraries. Supervision of the program, which involves selection of materials, data collection and organizational planning, will be undertaken by the library resources coordinator.

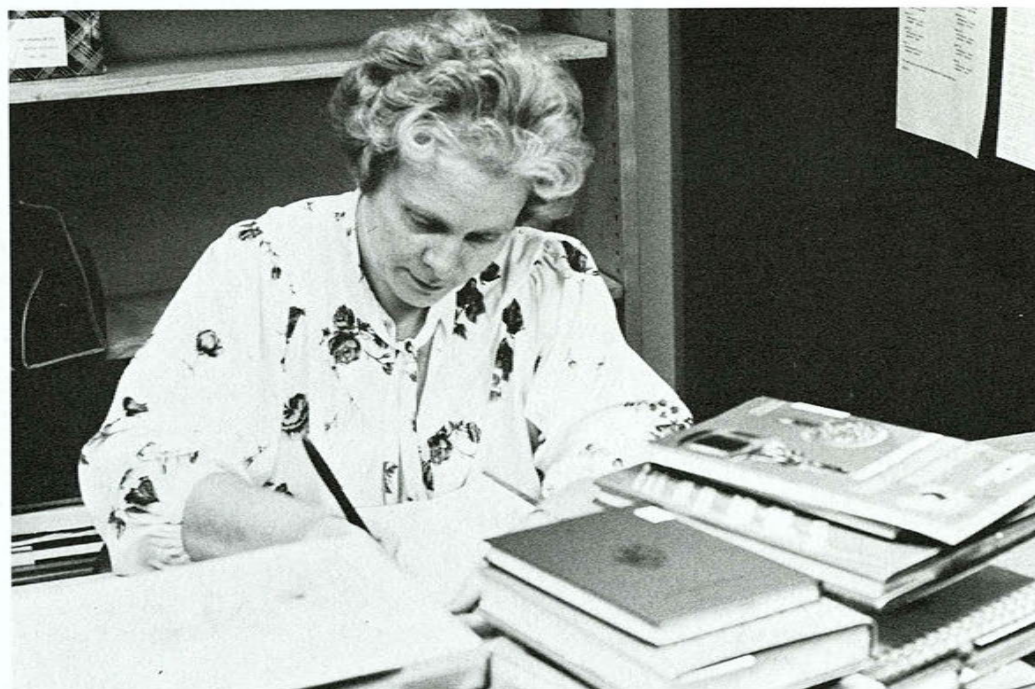


on the shelves

New books come to the State Library daily. Getting these books to the shelves and keeping the collection in order are responsibilities of the technical services staff.

The acquisitions staff handle book ordering, materials processing and upkeep of the card catalog.

The work of both divisions results in easy access to the State Library's resources.



publicizing libraries



The publications coordinator edits *Show-Me Libraries*, a monthly magazine which contains state and national library news, feature articles on library services, reports of workshops and conferences, and regular columns. First published in 1949, *Show-Me* is well known in the library field and has a circulation of 6,500.

The coordinator develops materials to assist librarians in their public relations activities and provides information on State Library services to newspapers, radio and television stations in Missouri.

changes



In its early days, the State Library emphasized the development of county libraries. Library consultants traveled the state and set up demonstration libraries in counties that had no public library service.

Today 90% of Missouri residents support local library service, and many libraries have joined regional networks for the purpose of sharing resources. The State Library encourages these cooperative efforts among all types of

libraries that bring increased access to materials and improved services to users.

Networks are as diverse as the regions they serve. Examples of network activities include delivery service to member libraries, cooperative purchasing arrangements, reference service, workshops for library staff, computer searches, area catalogs and extension of interlibrary loan.

Plans are now underway for a statewide bibliographic data base which will provide information on the holdings of all Missouri libraries.

library service for the blind and physically handicapped



In 1924, the St. Louis Public Library created a Department for the Blind that offered braille books for the use of St. Louis residents. The department was an independent operation organized at the request of the St. Louis Society for the Blind.

The Pratt-Smoot bill, signed by President Hoover in 1931, authorized and funded a national program of free library service for adult blind readers, and in this same year the Library of Congress designated the St. Louis Public Library as one of 18 regional facilities to provide the special service.

Cramped quarters and increased demand for services necessitated

construction of a separate building to house the braille collection. The Henry L. Wolfner Memorial Library for the Blind was dedicated in 1938. Named for a prominent St. Louis eye doctor, the library was the first branch building financed by a group of citizens. The branch served as both library and social center for the blind.

The federal government extended library service to blind children in 1952 and to the physically handicapped in 1966. Wolfner's title was changed in 1968 to reflect this extension of service. The library moved to a new location in St. Louis in 1971 where it remains today.

The State of Missouri began reimbursing the St. Louis Public Library for Wolfner's services in 1963, and on July 1, 1977 the State Library assumed direct administration of the Wolfner Memorial Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Wolfner serves Missouri residents who are unable to use conventional reading materials. More than five thousand active readers now receive books and magazines from Wolfner in braille, cassette, record and large type.

The coordinator of Wolfner supervises a 16-member staff that helps readers select titles of interest to them and mails these materials to readers' homes.

The loan of books and special listening equipment is offered through the State Library in conjunction with the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped of the Library of Congress.

A number of libraries in Missouri also extend services to the blind and physically handicapped through outreach programs and in-house collections of Wolfner materials for loan and examination. Wolfner also supplies materials for deposit collections in nursing homes, schools and other institutions around the state.

If you are interested in the services of Wolfner Library, call (314) 241-4227 collect.



state library collection

Books: circulating collection of 175,000 volumes.

Magazines: 1,200 current subscriptions.

Newspapers: 25 subscriptions to newspapers from Missouri and other states.

Government Documents: 50,000 federal and 10,000 state publications.

Microforms: 52,000 microfilm and microfiche holdings of newspapers, magazines and government documents.

Indexes: on-line data base indexes as well as standard print indexes.

Vertical File: pamphlets, newspaper clippings and magazine articles of current and historic interest.

Audio-Visual Materials: films, videocassettes, slide/sound shows and filmstrips relating to library science.

Maps: U.S. Geological Survey maps for Missouri.

The State Library does not purchase adult fiction or juvenile literature.

Loan period for State Library materials is three weeks.

publications from the state library

Info to Go is produced by staff of the government documents and reference divisions. The monthly publication contains a listing of new books, journals and magazine articles of interest to state and local government employees.

Update, a bimonthly annotated list of library science publications, helps librarians to keep current with the ever-increasing amount of professional literature. It is compiled by the coordinator of library resources.

Missouri State Government Publications, issued by the Government Documents Division, lists all state publications received by the library each month.

Da News, published three times a year for institutional librarians, presents information on materials selection, new services and federal programs. The newsletter is edited by the Special Library Services staff.

The *Directory of Missouri Libraries* is the annual report of the state librarian. The report summarizes the State Library's activities and expenditures, details the grant awards made to libraries, and includes statistics regarding public, academic, special and institutional libraries.

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